



Tri-Party Agreement

**HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER**

**EXTENSION OF**

**TANK WASTE REMEDIATION SYSTEM (TWRS) NEGOTIATIONS**

**In Recognition of**

**TWRS PRIVATIZATION CONTRACT NUMBER DE-AC06-96RL13308  
AUGUST 1998**

On May 24, 1999, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) (hereafter the Parties) approved their Agreement in Principle (AIP) initiating negotiations regarding the acquisition and operation of Hanford site high-level radioactive tank waste treatment facilities.

1. Resulting negotiations between the Parties have failed to result in agreement by July 31, 1999 (the date agreed to by the Parties for conclusion of negotiations).
2. Should the Parties terminate negotiations at this time, the Director of the Department of Ecology is required to issue a final determination in this matter pursuant to the terms of the Parties' AIP and the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, Part II, Article VIII.
3. DOE submitted a counterproposal for Ecology's and EPA's consideration on July 29, 1999, which the regulatory agencies have not yet had time to review and respond to.
4. The Parties agree that detailed negotiations have not been successful to date, that issuance of a final determination at this time is not desirable, that Ecology and EPA should be given time to review and respond to DOE's July 29, 1999 counterproposal, and that further progress in this matter is best served by a short-term extension of negotiations.

Consequently, the Parties agree as follows:

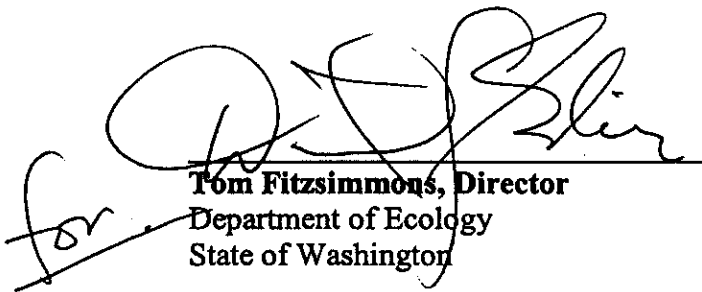
- A. That the Parties' negotiations in this matter are hereby extended through August 12, 1999.

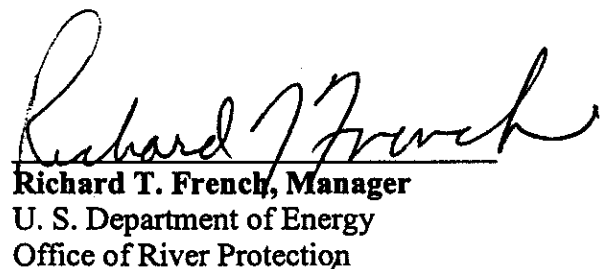
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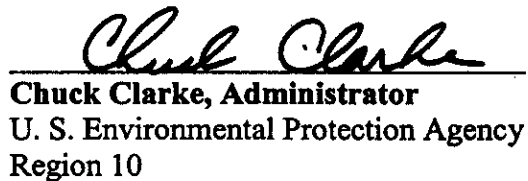
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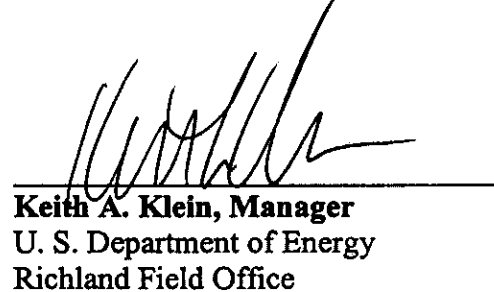
- B. That should the Parties fail to reach agreement by August 12, 1999, the Director of Ecology shall issue a final decision/determination in this matter pursuant to the parties' May 24, 1999 AIP and Part II, Article VIII of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order.
- C. Except as modified in this Extension Agreement, all other provisions of the Parties' May 24, 1999 AIP remain in force.

AGREED-TO THIS 31 DAY OF JULY, 1999

  
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